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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 1601

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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN VIEW OF U.S. SECURITY ROLE

1. THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR, ADEL GUCNENA, REFERRING TO THE WALL STREET JOURNAL STORY ON KUALA LUMPUR 900, SAID THAT HE HAD RECENTLY ACCOMPANIED ALI HAMDY EL GAMMAL EDITOR OF EL ARAM ON A CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU RITHAUDDEEN. IN A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF REGIONAL SECURITY, EL GAMMAL ASKED RITHAUDDEEN POINT BLAK IF MALAYSIA WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE UNITED STATES MIGHT BE OBLIGED TO WITHDRAW ITS BASES FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

2. RITHAUDDEEN REPLIED THAT MALAYSIA DID NOT REGARD THE AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE PHILIPPINES AS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE NATION'S SECURITY SITUATION. MALAYSIA WAS, HOWEVER, DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT AMERICAN TAX POLICY WHICH COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE. IT WAS ALSO CONCERNED WITH OUR TRADE POLICY AND OUR READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMODITY STABILIZATION
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EFFORTS. HE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT MALAYSIA IS CONFRONTED WITH AN INTERNAL SECURITY THREAT WHICH IT MUST DEAL WITH ON ITS OWN. THE UNITED STATES PLAYS AN IMPORTANT INDIRECT SECURITY ROLE BECAUSE A HEALTHY, EXPANDING ECONOMY CONTRIBUTES TO SOCIAL STABILITY AND PROVIDES THE GOM WITH RESOURCES TO PURCHASE THE WEAPONS TO DEAL WITH ARMED INSURGENTS.

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